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SUBJECT:

Status of HR 2300: Civil Service Spouse

Retirement Equity Act

1. The subject Bill is still in Subcommittee (Compensation and Employee Benefits, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee). The staff is working on new draft language for Section 4: "Survivor Benefits in the case of divorces prior to effective date." Under Section 4 as written, former spouses of employees and retirees already divorced before the effective date would become entitled to survivor annuities to the extent provided by court order or spousal agreement. As reported earlier, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) took strong objection to the Bill's retroactive provisions.

2. The Subcommittee staff is currently working with OPM to iron out differences; the staff hopes to move the Bill out of Subcommittee some time after Labor Day.

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